Approved For Release 2006/05/25 : CIA-RDP82-00457R000100620011-4 25X1 25X1 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP INTELLIGENCE REPORT 25X1 DATE: COUNTRY Germany/Russian Zone CONFIDENTIAL SUBJECT Agicultural Reform and Results DIST. 26 November 1946 25X1 PAGES SUPPLEMENT 25X1 NOITUBIRTRIC On 4 October 1946, a confidential meeting of all the Province, Land, and Kreis officials of the Province of Brandenburg took place in Potedam. The Vice-President of the Province administration, the Communict Rau, head of the Department of Agriculture, spoke in the presence of a Russian officer. In his speech he criticized the poor harvest results in Brandenburg and the lateness of the autumn cultivation severely. He cutlined a plan for each village, the execution of which would be the responsibility of the local Burgermeister for the time being. At the close of the discussion he was answered sharply by specialists present, who described the results following the agricultural reform. The lack of draught animals and tractors, the impossibility of using the machines of the former large estates on the splitup lands, the complete lack of all industrially produced farm implements, and the complete senselessness of the whole agricultural reform were to blame for the failure of the harvest. The production figures announced to the public by the Province administration were, it was said, completely untrue. A speaker added that the delivery quote was so high that the farmer lost all incentive to work because he had the feeling of having lost his rights and being a slave. On the same day, the Russian officer present demanded that the Province administration give him the names of the speakers at the debate. This document is hereby regladed to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States. Document No. NO C Next Review Date: 2008 25X1 Auth: 2 I WAR 1978 CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION SECRET

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